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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

31 August 1971

SUBJECT: Training for Navy

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Duval, Commander Dodge, TF 157; [redacted]
OTR; [redacted]

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1. This meeting was requested by Duval after I had told Captain Martin that a negative reply was enroute to Admiral Rectanus concerning training for Navy.

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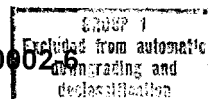
2. [redacted] led off by saying the Navy request had been given careful consideration, that the pressure is on OTR to cut back and that it boils down to a question of availability of instructors. Cdr. Dodge responded that only about 12 Navy trainees would be involved, at most two sessions per year would be desired and they could arrange for only one. Duval again said he had discussed the matter with Mr. Mitchell in the Bureau of the Budget and had asked whether OMB would support a Navy training school.

3. Dodge explained that the Army training offered at Fort Huachuca is just out of the question. The course lasts five months, the site is insecure, the training including the instructors not good enough (he questioned the professional abilities and experience of the instructors); it is heavily oriented towards Army requirements and practices and includes such things as one week of training in typing. Dodge said they just could not use it and if CIA can't assist Navy will have no alternative but to create its own training facility. He thought it a waste to have a staff of three or four trainers full-time just to train about four people a year. It was agreed that all the personnel could be trained as a group and that Navy would do anything to suit CIA requirements. Navy said that many of the personnel will have previous intelligence experience.

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4. [redacted] emphasized the need for practical training and not just classroom lecturers. For this OTR needs a team of instructors to work together. Duval said they would provide

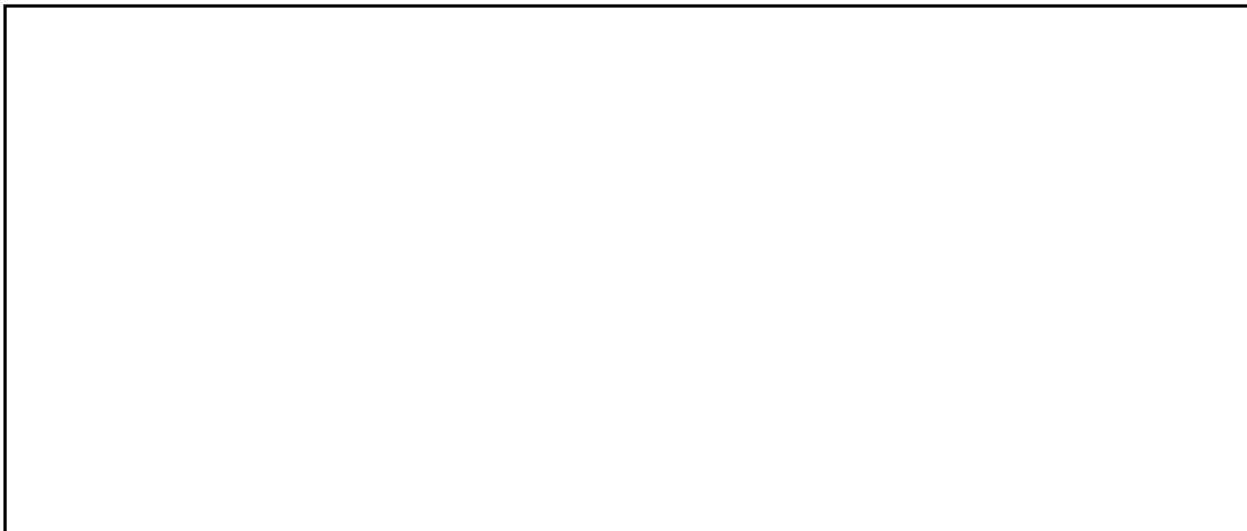
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6. Getting down to numbers, Duval confirmed they would have 4-6 people available in FY 1972 and Dodge felt there would be about the same number in FY 73. I suggested that with DIA reorganizations Navy might be out of business in 1973.

7. In discussing the length of the course, [redacted] gave a personal estimate that at least a month would be required and a maximum of six weeks for a basic course. He agreed to discuss the matter further with his superiors. It was pointed out to Navy that although we were sympathetic with their cause the problem really lies with DIA which has left to the Army the task of training all services and it is up to DIA to create the proper courses for all services. We were not optimistic that there would be any change in the negative reply now enroute to Navy.

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8. Comment: on 1 September Mr. [redacted] phoned me to say there had been no change in the OTR position and their letter could go forward to the DCI.

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